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Israeli marine strike continues

TEL AVIV, April 27 (R). — A strike by Israeli merchant marine officers today entered its fourth week with port sources pessimistic about chances for an agreement within the next few days. The officers are demanding increased pay to maintain salary differentials with ratings whose wages were recently boosted by special "dirty work" pay. The strike has paralysed most of Israel's trade. Many factories have had to lay off workers because of a shortage of raw materials. Mr. Yehuda Rotem, Director of the Zim Israel Navigation Company, told a press conference that if the officers did not go back to normal work by this evening, five of the company's 10 ships anchored in Israeli ports would be sold.

Vance to meet Allon in London

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will meet Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon in London on May 11 to discuss the status of efforts toward a Middle East peace settlement, the State Department said today. Mr. Vance will be in London with President Carter for a seven-nation economic summit next month. The department said Mr. Vance had invited Mr. Allon to a working lunch to brief him on talks President Carter has held with various Middle East leaders. In announcing the Vance-Allon meeting, the State Department also said the United States maintained its hope that the Geneva peace conference on the Middle East could be reconvened in the second half of this year.

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Assad warns against failure to reconvene Geneva conference

DAMASCUS, April 27 (AFP). — Syrian President Hafez Assad warned today that Arab countries would not hesitate to use force if the Geneva conference on the Middle East is not reconvened and if the rights of the Palestinian people are not restored.

President Assad was speaking after a meeting here with British Foreign Secretary David Owen.

The Syrian leader said he was in favour of the reconvening of the Geneva conference as a framework for peace negotiations, although that did not mean that he was particularly enamoured of the conference. The Arab countries, he said, had no concessions to make to Israel.

President Assad said he was not excessively optimistic, nor was he pessimistic about the chances of a Middle East settlement.

President Assad said that if Israel obtained atomic weapons Syria could get them too. "We cannot rule out this eventuality", President Assad said but he warned it would not be "in Israel's interest" for it to seek nuclear weapons.

"We could also obtain them and that would be fatal for Israel", he said. "Israel cannot

survive a large number of atomic bombs".

Of possible Palestinian participation in a resumed Geneva conference President Assad said that progress on this question depended on "the desire of the Israelis for peace".

The Syrian leader said that Syria and the Soviet Union had again "reached a common understanding". President Assad visited the Soviet Union less than ten days ago.

He admitted that following the events in Lebanon Syrian-Soviet relations "lacked ardour", he said. "Our points of view were divergent on a question (Lebanon) but we reached agreement in Moscow on the necessity of restoring friendly relations and cooperation to the Lebanese crisis position", he added.

Observers noted that these remarks by President Assad were made less than three weeks before he goes to Geneva to meet United States President Jimmy Carter.

Assad, Carter meet imperative for peace talks, paper says

DAMASCUS, April 27 (R). — Syrian President Hafez Assad's planned meeting on May 9 in Geneva with U.S. President Jimmy Carter "is a part of Syria's international effort to speed up efforts to find a solution in the Middle East", the government daily newspaper Al-Bayt said today.

In a commentary, it said the region "threatens to explode." "Even if Syria keeps its relations with the Soviet Union, its national interest, then its same interest also dictates that it should take the United States into consideration, for the United States is one of the two great powers in the world today," the newspaper said.

"Syria considers that the nature of the relations between the United States and Israel gives Washington the ability to exercise effective pressure on the Israeli rulers."

But, the newspaper continued, "if the United States, under a regime of President Carter is not yet taken a clearly defined position towards what is going on in the Middle East, and if it has not yet put forward its own view on the subject, then it is to be hoped that its indecisive attitude will not continue during the important meeting to be held in Geneva."

Demonstrations against Israel go on in Nablus

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank, April 27 (AFP). — Arab demonstrators protesting over plans by Zionist militants to establish an unauthorised settlement here today clashed with Israeli military forces for the second day running in the streets of this West Bank town.

The youths, mainly high-school students, put up barricades, stoned military forces vehicles, which used teargas to disperse demonstrators.

Military forces had difficulty in flushing out the young demonstrators from the narrow streets of the Casbah -- the central market district.

The object of their anger was the announcement this week by Rabbi Kahane, leader of the

militant Jewish Defence League, that he intended to lay the foundation stone of an unofficial Jewish settlement in Nablus, with a population of 60,000, the largest West Bank town.

Rabbi Kahane and his followers, who had so far not appeared here, say they hope to found three settlements in Israeli-occupied Jordan which they regard as part of the homeland of the Jews.

Nablus mayor Bassam Al Shalaf protested to Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday at the army's harsh treatment of demonstrators.

A daylong curfew on the old Casbah area was lifted last night.

Owen: Summer is key time for progress on Palestinian question

DAMASCUS, April 27 (R). — British Foreign Secretary David Owen said today he believed there could be moves towards settling the issue of a Palestinian homeland this year.

Dr. Owen was addressing a press conference after discussing the Middle East conflict and prospects for resuming the Geneva peace conference with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The British minister said the key time for progress on the Palestinian question would be in the summer after Israeli elections and a second Middle East tour by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

He said there was a specially favourable combination of events and the presence of leaders who wanted peace, and it would be a great tragedy if we did not seize the opportunity that undoubtedly exists." Dr. Owen, who arrived here from Cairo for the first visit by a British foreign secretary to Syria, said no clearer picture of how the Palestinians might be represented in peace talks had emerged from his meetings in the Arab capitals.

At a separate press conference Mr. Assad said he had not discussed with Dr. Owen the possibility of British arms sales to Syria, and implied there was no need for such supplies at present.

British sources said Dr. Owen had mentioned the subject when discussing British-Syrian trade with Prime Minister Abdul Rahman Khleifawi last night.

President Assad said he might visit Britain, although no official invitation had yet been made.

"There are possibilities for such a visit, especially as cooperation between Syria and Britain is developing and will develop further", he said.

Before seeing the president today, Dr. Owen had a three-hour meeting with Foreign Minister Abdul Hakim Khaddam, which was devoted entirely to the Middle East.

They were meeting for more formal talks tonight before a dinner the British secretary is giving in honour of Mr. Khaddam. Dr. Owen was scheduled to leave for London afterwards.

Answering a question about the Soviet role in Africa, on which Egyptian leaders expressed anxiety to Dr. Owen, Mr. Owen said:

"This endangers the security of the Palestine revolution. It is not in our interests to provoke the Syrians since this will impede the return of peace to Lebanon."

Hussein: Palestinians entitled to "national political entity"

WASHINGTON, April 27 (J.T.). — His Majesty King Hussein said today that a pre-condition for peace in the Middle East was that the Palestinians be allowed to decide their own future freely and peacefully.

"It is the pre-requisite as well as the guarantee of peace," he said at the end of a three-day Washington visit during which he and President Carter agreed that this year presented a good chance for Middle East peace.

"I wish to say that the present mood in the United States is encouraging regarding the search for peace in the Middle East. You have a new, dynamic and sensitive president. He has demonstrated his readiness

to discard old assumptions if they seem unworkable. He is boldly exploring new ideas and new perspectives. He is not afraid of controversy. This is precisely what the Middle East needs. It is precisely what American policy in the Middle East needs," he told a silver jubilee testimonial luncheon hosted by the Middle East Institute and the Arab-American Association of Business and Industry.

The following is an excerpt from the King's speech:

"It has been, and is our policy to advocate moderation and peaceful solutions, rather than violence and war. We firmly believe that force is not an answer to the problem. It has not worked in the past and it will not work in the future."

"Our course of moderation has been pursued with patience and perseverance, often in solitude, and criticism, and with considerable sacrifice, but it has been vindicated, and is in some measure responsible for the more positive conditions for peace which now prevail. I believe the course of Middle East history would have been radically and adversely different if this policy had not been followed. Regrettably, it still could if the opportunity for peace is not grasped now."

"The United States cannot remain captive to old worn out and incorrect assumptions such as the assumption that only Israel has security needs, that Israel's survival is the only issue in the conflict, that the Arabs seek the destruction of Israel, and that the Palestinians are violent, intransigent and uncompromising. These are myths which have clouded the vision of many a well-meaning Western leader and citizen. For years these myths have blocked the search for peace. The facts are different. The Arabs did not create the conflict. It was imposed on them. The Palestinian people did not attack and occupy by force the homeland of another people. They were forced out of their homeland by Israel."

The threat to Israel's survival is a subjective assumption. The dispersal and homelessness of the Palestinians is an objective fact. Nor is the question of security one-sided. If anyone, the Arabs should be paranoid about security. It is our lands which have been invaded and occupied. Jordan is almost half her former size. Israel and Egyptian territories are under occupation, and the Palestinian people have their entire homeland under Israeli occupation.

"One cannot expect the Arab states and the Palestinian people to recognise Israel's rights if she does not recognise theirs. Israel's refusal to recognise Palestinians' rights because they do not recognise hers begs the issue."

"The Palestinian people must be a party to the solution of a problem which is basically theirs. We cannot reverse history, but we can redeem its victims. We can deal with injustices honourably, and recognise the rights of others which we claim for ourselves."

"The Palestinian people must be able to decide freely and peacefully their future. The

Palestinians who were expelled and uprooted from their homeland must exercise the right of return or compensation. The Palestinians who have lived since 1967 under Israeli occupation must be allowed to exercise their right of self-determination -- including their right to establish a national political entity after Israeli withdrawal. This is the only realistic and moral definition of the idea which President Carter boldly expressed when he called for the Palestinian homeland. We in Jordan will respect the decision of the Palestinian people. If it is to be a Palestinian state, we accept that, if it is to be affiliated with Jordan we would welcome the resumption of natural brotherly ties.

"All this can and must happen in the context of peace. It is the pre-requisite as well as the guarantee of peace. We seek both a settlement and a lasting peace with the Arab parties, while seeking the end of occupation and redress for the Palestinians, are ready for the obligations of peace. Measures such as partial demilitarization, international guarantees, concrete security arrangements are all matters to be discussed and agreed upon. The important fact is that peace is an attitude and a state of mind. It can only be safeguarded by the readiness to co-exist. It can certainly not be safeguarded by expanded borders. It can never be achieved by military means."

"Let me stress an essential point. Peace is needed by all sides, not by one side. Security is the legitimate goal of all. For peace to be lasting and stable it must be just and fair for all. This is the basis on which the search for peace must proceed."

"When this is accepted it becomes readily apparent that the obstacles to a solution are not procedural. They do not involve attendance or non-attendance at a Geneva peace conference, recognition of certain parties, entities or non-entities, the imposition or negotiation of peace terms. These are matters of form and detail. They can all be resolved, with the support of the international community, and when the parties are sincerely prepared to make peace."

"But Israel must first gather enough historic courage to seek a lasting peace. At the moment she is more frightened of peace than she is of war. The challenge of risking the illusory security of military occupation, in which peace would afford, appears to be beyond her present imagination or courage."

"This is the essence of Israel's dilemma. The issue has not changed in the ten years since 1967. It is still territory or peace, and Israel has chosen territory."

"But this is a dead end policy with only one possible result -- the ultimate destruction of the area. To permit this to happen in this enlightened age, would be an indictment of us all."

"For centuries prior to 1948, Arabs and Jews lived side by side in peace, as friends, neighbours... and, for some who may not realise it, as fellow Semites."

"Security lies in a return to such co-existence -- not in territorial aggrandizement. At the outset of the 1973 war, Israel occupied more Arab territory than ever before. Yet she suffered greater losses and was more seriously threatened in those battles than at any time in her history. In the use of missiles and superweapons, territory does not provide security."

"I have been most encouraged by the importance President Carter attaches to a prompt resumption of the peace-making process. "We have great expectations for the aims and emerging policies of the new administration in its regard for human rights. And moral values." King Hussein today received an honorary doctorate of law degree from American University and was lauded for his inspired mission of peace and justice for the Middle East. The Jordan Times will carry parts of the text of the King's speech at American University on p. 3 tomorrow.



His Majesty King Hussein sits on the edge of a couch at Blair House in Washington Thursday as he holds a press conference.

Jordanian soldier wounded by Israeli fire

AMMAN (JNA). — An Israeli army patrol Wednesday morning opened fire on a Jordanian soldier on guard in Al Hamma area. The soldier was taken to hospital and is in a satisfactory condition.

An Israeli military source earlier claimed a Jordanian soldier in the Al Hamma area (at the junction of the Israeli and Jordanian borders with the occupied Golan heights) opened fire on one of its patrols. The patrol returned the fire, the Israeli source said. The incident, believed to be the first of its kind for several years.

Mubarak, Tito discuss Middle East, Africa

BELGRADE, April 27 (R). — Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak today discussed the Middle East situation, activities of non-aligned countries and the situation in Africa with Yugoslav President Tito.

Mr. Mubarak, who arrived for a two-day visit here last night as a special envoy of President Anwar Sadat, was received by the 85-year-old Yugoslav leader at his north-western mountain residence of Brdo Kod Kranja.

Official Yugoslav sources said Mr. Mubarak briefed President Tito on the outcome of President Sadat's tour of West Germany, France and the United States earlier this month to find a "just and permanent solution to the Middle East crisis."

Questions of interest for the two countries, the activities of non-aligned countries and the need to strengthen their unity

were also discussed. Sources close to Mr. Mubarak's party said he briefed the Yugoslav leader on Egypt's views about the situation in Africa.

Cairo was worried that relations between some African countries -- particularly Sudan, Ethiopia and Libya -- which have worsened recently, could have a negative effect on the Middle East situation, the sources said.

They added that Egypt wanted such countries to solve their problems and disputes within the non-aligned movement, and therefore stressed the need for greater unity and solidarity between non-aligned countries.

Yugoslavia, the leading member of the non-aligned movement, has good relations with Libya, Sudan and Ethiopia.

Mr. Mubarak was returning to Belgrade later today.

Pakistani opposition demands cabinet majority after prison meet

LAMABAD, April 27 (R). — Pakistan's major opposition leaders today discussed new tactics for ending their confrontation with Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, including demands for fresh national elections and a caretaker government.

The acting President of the e-party opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA), the late Mr. Pagaro, told reporters at the talks that his movement would demand a two-thirds share in an interim cabinet.

It is indicated, in answer to questions, that the opposition plan be prepared to agree to Bhutto remaining as Prime Minister until new elections are held in six weeks to two months' time.

Mr. Pagaro said it might be possible to reach agreement by tomorrow evening on the terms of a dialogue between Mr. Bhutto and the PNA.

Mr. Bhutto, said in a terse comment to reporters after a surprise meeting of his Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) parliamentary group tonight that he had no new proposals to make and the ball was now in the PNA's court.

Mr. Bhutto declined to say what new formula he had put to the opposition, but said he had exhausted his capacity and ability to make proposals.

Mr. Bhutto's talks with the leaders of the opposition coalition took place at the Sihal police training college, on the outskirts of Islamabad, where they have been held in detention since the weekend.

Retired Air Mar. Asghar Khan, chief of the centrist Tehrik Istiqal Party, was brought from prison in Lahore early today to join other alliance leaders, including Maulana Murtaza Bhutto, Maulana Shah Ahmed Noorani, Prof. Ghaffoor

Ahmed and Sherbaz Khan Mazari, who have all been in jail for the past month.

Pir Pagaro also said the opposition had no interest in creating trouble unnecessarily. In a modification of its planned march on Mr. Bhutto's house in Rawalpindi on Saturday, he said it was not intended to be a demonstration but an orderly procession which would hand over to him a charter of the people's demands.

The government tonight moved to foil opposition plans for the mass demonstration outside Mr. Bhutto's house by prohibiting any procession, public meeting or assembly for the next week.

An Interior Ministry statement said the ban had been imposed under emergency rules to ensure security, public safety and public order. It applies to Rawalpindi and the neighbouring federal capital of Islamabad.

The only incident reported today was a bomb blast in Lahore. No one was hurt.

The rest of the country was apparently quiet. Opposition demonstrations continued in some cities and towns, but were free of violence.

2 wounded in political rally in Turkish town

ANKARA, April 27 (R). — At least two people were wounded today when shots were fired at a political rally in north-eastern Turkey attended by opposition leader Bulent Ecevit, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency reported.

The attack, the second of its kind in two days, occurred as Mr. Ecevit, leader of the Republican People's Party (RPP), arrived at the start of the rally in the town of Siran, the agency said.

Seven people were injured, two of them seriously, when rightists fired shots and threw stones yesterday at a rally in the northern town of Niksan. Mr. Ecevit also attended that rally.

The agency said Mr. Ecevit cancelled a second rally set for later today. Mr. Ecevit has made political violence a campaign issue, accusing the incumbent government of Premier Suleyman Demirel of responsibility for it.

Nigeria to mediate between Zaire, Angola

BUMBASHI, Zaire, April 27 (R). — Nigeria sought today to mediate between Zaire and Angola, whose Marxist rulers are alleged by Zaire to be backed by the invasion of copper-rich Shaba province.

Nigerian Foreign Minister Jotham Garba had a first meeting last night with Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko at the start of a new Nigerian diplomatic initiative.

Nigeria first indicated its readiness to mediate between Zaire and Angola at the end of which, when Brig. Garba visited Zaire's capital of Kinshasa, returned to Zaire yesterday. Angola has denied Zaire allegations that with its Cuban and Soviet backers, it opposed the invasion of Shaba -- the former Katanga -- by anti-Mobutu rebels. Zaire now says it has turned

the tide against the rebels, recapturing the town of Mutshatsha from them and pushing on towards Dilolo, on the Angola frontier.

"If you want to find the front line, you must go to Dilolo," said a Zaire military spokesman last night, adding that government forces -- backed by some of 1,500 troops sent to help by Morocco -- were meeting resistant in a counter-offensive.

A Zaire spokesman said that Brig. Garba and President Mobutu were going today to the Shaba province copper centre of Kolwezi, once threatened by the rebels, and might go on to Mutshatsha.

Zaire's official Azap news agency has quoted Brig. Garba as saying Africa's interest demanded a solution to the "unhappy incident" between Zaire and Angola.

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Kuwaiti Fund gives JD6.5m for Hussein Thermal Power Station

AMMAN (JNA). — The Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development will finance the third stage of Hussein Thermal Power Station to the tune of JD 6.5 million.

The agreement came during talks between the Kuwaiti Fund and the National Planning Council and Jordan Electricity Authority, which ended Wednesday.

Talks also centred on aid for the third stage of a national electricity network.

The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development will also pay JD 6.5 million, while the Saudi Arabian Fund will meet the remaining JD 9 million.

The third stage, which costs JD 22 million, consists of the addition of two 66 MW thermal power generating units; the erection of a 132 KV high-tension line extending 45 kms.

from the station to the south of Amman, where a new sub-station will be built; and a housing suburb for the engineers and employees of the station in Zarqa.

The first stage of the project includes two 33 MW thermal power units, a 15 MW and 19 MW gas turbine unit, and the auxiliary mechanical, electrical and civil works.

The second stage consists of the installation of a third 33 MW thermal unit at a total cost of JD 6.5 million. Work is at the moment advancing on the civil works.

Both of the thermal units have been installed. The first will start generating in May and the second in July.

The Kuwaiti Fund contributed JD 3.5 million for the first stage.

The Jordanian delegation during the ten-day talks included Secretary General of the National Planning Council, the director of the Jordan Electricity Authority and a number of engineers at the authority, while the Kuwaiti team included Dr. Abdul Rahim Al Merghani, Mr. Mohammad Yasin Abdul Al, Mr. Mohammad Abdullah Qalander and Mr. Naser Al Fahd.



Prince Hassan watches soldiers of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division at work on their tank. The Viceroy was visiting the division Wednesday, when he inspected its work and training programme.

Contracts awarded for JVC water projects

AMMAN (JNA). — The Jordan Valley Commission (JVC) Wednesday awarded two contracts worth JD 765,389 to two companies — one South Korean and the other local — for the implementation of the first stage of a project to supply the southern valley region with drinking water from artesian wells at Wadi Jra'a.

The project involves the installation of 50 kms. of water pipes, the construction of a 2,000 cubic metres reservoir and four smaller 200 cubic metres, in addition to the setting up of the necessary chlorine water treatment system.

The JVC submitted these projects for tender last January. West Germany is participating with a JD 500,000 loan agreed in December 1976 between JVC and the West German Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau.

The first stage of the project, to be completed within a year, will supply water to Karameh, southern Shouneh, Ghor, Nimrein, Kafraim, Jaufa, Rawda and Raiba, while the second stage will supply water to Suweimeh and the Dead Sea tourist centre.

Air delegation returns from Montreal meet

AMMAN (JNA). — A civil aviation delegation, led by the Director of Transport at the Civil Aviation Department, Mr. Hani Bqa'een, returned here Tuesday after attending a conference on air transport held in Montreal.

The conference discussed a number of problems facing international air transport, such as tough competition between companies, problems of fares and the interference of governments in fixing these fares.

More than 100 countries attended the conference as members or observers, in addition to delegates from airline companies.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY DECLARED SUNDAY

AMMAN (JNA). — The first of May, Labour Day, was declared a public holiday by Prime Minister Mudar Badran Wednesday.

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- * AMMAN. — An economic delegation, led by Vice President of the Union of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Zuheir returned here Wednesday at the end of a ten-day visit to India. Delegation members held talks with Indian economic officials on boosting and developing bilateral commercial exchange.
- * AMMAN. — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim received the Soviet ambassador to Jordan Wednesday.
- * AMMAN. — The Municipal and Rural Credit Fund Wednesday approved a JD 5,000 loan to the municipal council of Ba'ama in Mafraq Governorate for the paving of the town's roads.
- * AMMAN. — Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf received the Chilean ambassador to Jordan Wednesday.
- * AMMAN. — Two royal decrees were issued Wednesday confirming Cabinet decisions to name Amman new international airport after the late Queen Ayla and to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between Jordan and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

Talhouni back from UAE

AMMAN (JNA). — Speaker of the Upper House Bahjat Talhouni returned here Wednesday after a six-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Talhouni, who is also President of the Arab Parliamentary Union, said that he met Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Nahayan, ruler of the emirates, to explain the aims of the Arab Parliamentary Union and its activities since its foundation in 1974. He also stressed the importance of Arab support for the union and outlined the need for the construction of its permanent headquarters in Damascus.

Mr. Talhouni also visited the emirates of Dubai, Ajman, Um Quwain, Ras Al Khaima, and met with their leaders.

CONTENT VITAL IN NEWS ITEMS, MINISTER TELLS JNA STAFF

AMMAN (JNA). — Acting Minister of Information Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf stressed to Jordan News Agency (JNA) staff Wednesday that the formulation of news items should deal with content and not personalities or officials.

Sharif Fawwaz was speaking during a visit to JNA Wednesday morning. He called on the agency's reporters to emphasize Jordan's achievements, its development goals and aspirations. He added that Jordan seeks to exploit its natural wealth through projects in the Jordan Valley and others like the potash project.

Sharif Fawwaz earlier visited the Press and Publications Department, where he met with its director and employees.

ECWA decides to hold 1978 meet in Lebanon

AMMAN (J.T.). — The United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) Wednesday decided to hold its 1978 session in Lebanon.

The region commission was meeting for the fourth day at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. Items on Wednesday's agenda included the working programme for 1978-79, its 1978 session and the problem of technology transfer.

The Lebanese delegate extended an invitation to ECWA to hold its fifth session in his country, which was accepted. "As ECWA will return to Lebanon this June (prior to its move to Baghdad in 1979), the Lebanese government welcomes it for its fifth session," he stated.

Delegates proposed the creation of a regional centre to deal with technology transfer. The Iraqi delegate was scolding of the West's attitude towards technology transfer. He stated that technology had become an important product on the world market. Western countries are selling it to the developing countries under a veil of secrecy, and in this way retaining a monopoly over certain technological items.

Jordan's delegate stressed his country's efforts to develop technology. "Jordan now has 117 scientists for every million inhabitants, and the government is now aiming for 200," he stated.

He stressed that Jordan had contributed one per cent of

national income to research and planning in the country.

He further called for a study of potential skills in the region so that this rapidly developing area has the capability of transferring and handling technology.

At the end of the meeting, the representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) expressed his organization's readiness to cooperate with countries in the region to facilitate the transfer and development of technology.

The session formed a committee composed of Jordan, Syrian, Kuwait and Iraq to formulate the draft resolutions to be submitted to the commission.

Experts moot use of barley in beer industry

AMMAN (JNA). — At Wednesday's session of an international seminar on the improvement of cereal production, U.S., British, Danish and Cypriot delegates spoke about ways of improving barley types and the possibility of using them in the nutrition and beer industries.

A representative of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan spoke about an experiment being carried out by the faculty and the Ministry of Agriculture to improve types of barley. He said the test had proved that it is possible to produce 400 kgs. of barley from one dunum as against 100 kgs. at the moment.

On Thursday, delegates will look over Faculty of Agriculture attempts to boost cereal production.

Al Rawabdeh leaves for UAE

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Communications Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh Wednesday left here for Ras Al Khaima in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend the inauguration of a new earth satellite station there.

Mr. Al Rawabdeh said that he will hold talks on boosting postal and telephone links between Jordan and the UAE and UAE aid for development projects here.

He will also discuss with Arab ministers of communications an increase in telephone traffic and exchange of expertise with Arab countries.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much your Jordanian fill for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.K. sterling	569.0	575.0
U.S. dollar	330.0	332.0
German mark	138.7	140.1
French franc	96.7	67.0
Swiss franc	17.3	131.7
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.4	37.6
Saudi riyal	93.4	93.8
Lebanese pound	108.7	109.2
Syrian pound	80.6	81.0
Iraqi dinar	945.0	950.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1140.0	1152.0
Egyptian pound	460.0	470.0
Libyan dinar	810.0	820.0
UAE dirham	84.5	85.2

What's Going On

Alistair Cooke's "America -- A Personal History of the U.S." Produced in thirteen one-hour segments, they are titled: (1) New Found Land; (2) Home From Home; (3) Making A Revolution; (4) Inventing A Nation; (5) Gone West; (6) Fire in the Night; (7) Domesticating A Wilderness; (8) Honey On The Land; (9) The Huddled Masses; (10) Promise Fulfilled; And Finally: (11) The Arsenal; (12) The First Impact; (13) A More Abundant Life.

Come and see any or all of these at your convenience any time during American Centre hours Sunday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

French firm to establish prefab factory

AMMAN (JNA). — The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has approved a request by a French firm to establish a factory for the production of prefabricated houses at a cost of JD 100,000.

The ministry also approved the creation of a factory for the manufacture of central heating radiators and kitchen equipment at a cost of JD 150,000, and another JD 50,000 plant for coating metals with chrome and nickel.

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France launches programme to aid jobless and low income groups Ministers back "Witteveen facility" for increasing IMF resources

PARIS, April 27 (AFP). — Premier Raymond Barre yesterday launched a 1,640 million dollars 12-month action programme to pull France out of its "economic and social crisis" ahead of the 1978 legislative elections in which the present coalition will face a strong challenge from the left.

Seeking a vote of confidence for his new cabinet, Mr. Barre in a general policy statement unveiled measures aimed at alleviating the effects of his six-month fight against inflation on under-privileged groups — jobless youth, and school leavers, low income families and the aged.

The premier, who formed his second government in the wake of strong progress by the Socialist-Communist-Radical union of the left in last month's municipal elections, strongly urged the Giscardian-Gaullist coalition to rally solidly around the new team to avoid plunging France into "political, economic and social adventure."

Pledging continued action to "restore order" in the economy and ensure recovery, he affirmed that last September's anti-inflationary measures had produced "genuine and significant" results in checking a threat of a further worsening of economic trends.

To aid young jobless, who form a significant proportion of France's 1,000,000 jobless at present, he detailed a series of measures to provide jobs for them and upcoming school leavers. They included incentives for companies who hire first-job workers and apprentices, and a pledge to create 20,000 temporary jobs in the public sector.

To release jobs for young people, he also proposed an extension to all workers of the possibility of retiring at the age of 60 while retaining 70 per cent of their wages until they reach retirement age at 65. And he offered immigrant workers a 10,000 francs (2,000 dollars) bonus if they return to their home countries.

Among measures intended to achieve increased social justice, Mr. Barre announced increased family allowances and other benefits, and a two-step 2,000 franc (400 dollar) raise in the minimum level of old age pensions to 11,000 francs (2,200 dollars) annually by next December.

Mr. Barre said the programme would cost the government 5,500 million francs (1,100 million dollars) over two years and the social security system another 2,700 million (540 million dollars) including respectively 3,300 million and 755 million this year. He proposed to finance the budget deficit in part by a 2.5 per cent increase in motor fuel prices and partly by floating a 600 million francs (1,200 million dollars) long-term public loan.

Political observers said Mr. Barre seemed assured of securing a comfortable majority in the vote of confidence, expected next Thursday. The parties backing his coalition hold 283 seats in the national assembly which currently has 482 members.

But, echoing recent differences between the Gaullists and President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's supporters the Independent Republicans and the Reformist Centrists, Gaullist Parliamentary Leader Claude Labbe said in the debate: "Our agreement to the measures you have proposed does not mean approval of your policy as a whole. You have not asked for a blank cheque."

The Gaullists form the biggest component of the parliamentary majority.

French shares plunged by nearly four per cent on average on the Paris stock exchange today in the wake of the announcement of the 12-month economic action programme.

The French franc remained firm on the foreign exchange market however.

Bourse experts said the stock market reacted sharply to the premier's announcement of the long term state loan to finance the increased budget deficit which will be a result of planned measures to aid unemployed youth, low-income families and the aged.

The market's reaction reflected concern that the state loan would considerably reduce funds available for stock investment.

Comments on the floor on the latest developments in French politics indicated that operators did not at all take a favourable view of the government's action programme.

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R). — Ministers of developing countries enthusiastically backed a plan yesterday to raise up to 16 billion dollars in new resources for the International Monetary Fund (IMF), informed monetary sources said.

The plan was drawn up by IMF Managing Director Johannes Witteveen and is known as the Witteveen facility.

The ministers of the group of 24 — eight members from each of the three developing areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America — also endorsed an IMF staff suggestion that fund quotas be increased by 75 to 100 per cent.

The group of 24 plans to issue a communique tomorrow on its discussions, held prior to a two-day meeting of the 130-nation IMF's interim committee.

Several industrialised countries, including the United States, see the Witteveen facility as a means of providing resources for the IMF between ratification of the sixth and seventh increases in IMF quotas.

But some of the developed and developing countries feel the Witteveen facility should be developed into a longer-term funding arrangement that would eventually become part of the IMF's permanent resources.

The group of 24 ministers have also backed a proposal that the IMF, in each of the next three years, should allocate four billion special drawing rights (SDRs), the fund's own international accounting unit. Each SDR is equivalent to about 1.16 dollars.

This position, however, will be strongly attacked by some industrial countries, notably the United States and West Germany, which argue it would be highly inflationary in global terms.

The group's communique, the sources said, is expected to propose additional surveillance power for the IMF in connection with exchange rates.

It is also expected to call on the developed countries to step up purchases of raw commodities from the developing world and to help stabilize commodity prices through establishment of buffer stocks.

Japan promises aid to Asian countries

TOKYO, April 27 (AFP). — Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda has promised Japanese economic aid to developing countries in Asia in response to a call made yesterday by visiting Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, foreign ministry sources said here.

President Marcos, who arrived here Monday with his wife, had a first meeting with Mr. Fukuda yesterday which lasted 90 minutes.

Official details of the discussions were not released but foreign ministry sources here said President Marcos called on Japan to provide more long-term aid to the member-states of the Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN) — Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Philippines — which have been hard hit by inflation and recession.

Mr. Fukuda reportedly promised to aid these countries "as much as possible" but did not elaborate on what aid he had in mind, sources said.

President Marcos was also understood to have urged Mr. Fukuda to visit the ASEAN summit conference in Kuala Lumpur in August.

Mr. Fukuda repeatedly expressed the hope that Japan will be invited to attend the summit but the attitude of ASEAN states on such a proposal was not known, sources said.

Mr. Fukuda told President Marcos that the promotion of better ties with Asian countries, and particularly ASEAN member-states, was a major pillar of Japan's foreign policy, the sources added.

Japan has already contributed grants and soft loans totalling more than 387 million dollars to Philippines in the past eight years. The sum equals about a quarter of all Western aid to Philippines.

President Marcos, who is due to meet the Japanese premier again today, also briefly visited the 12th international trade fair which opened here on Friday for a ten-day exhibition.

The Philippines has the largest exhibit among 25 foreign exhibitors at the fair. However, President Marcos and his wife, hemmed in by about 20 tight-lipped security guards only spent about 30 minutes at the fair site before leaving in a bulletproof car for the government guest house where they are staying.

Saudi Arabia agrees to organise OPEC talks soon

RIYADH, April 27 (AFP). — Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, two of the major oil producers, have agreed to organise extended talks soon on the policy of the 13-state Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal announced here yesterday.

The announcement followed two days of talks here between the Saudi Crown Prince, Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, and Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, who is touring Gulf States in an attempt to settle the problem of OPEC double price levels.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates decided on a five per cent price rise for crude oil for 1977 after an OPEC conference in Qatar last December, while the 11 other OPEC members including Venezuela settled on a 15 per cent two-stage increase.

Prince Saud said Saudi Arabia and Venezuela had been in agreement here on "all the problems of joint interest" raised, and a certain number of decisions had been made.

President Perez arrived here Monday with a 23-member delegation for a three-day official visit. Prince Saud called the visit, the first by a Venezuelan head of state, "historic".

Swiss franc loses ground in wake of Credit Suisse scandal

ZURICH, April 27 (R). — Two of Switzerland's major banks Tuesday offered massive support to one of their competitors to combat the shockwaves of a multi-million franc financial scandal.

The two commercial banks joined the Swiss National Bank in extending a stand-by credit to three billion Swiss francs (about 690 million sterling) to the Credit Suisse Bank, which disclosed earlier this month it had suffered considerable losses through a branch office's alleged mismanagement of customers' funds.

The credit offer, largest of its kind in Swiss banking history, followed a meeting Monday night of top banking officials to consider the possible effects of Credit Suisse's problems on the stock exchange and the foreign exchange market.

Bank shares eased generally today and the Swiss franc slipped downwards against the U.S. dollar and the West German mark, but a Credit Suisse spokesman said there had been "no run whatsoever" on his bank. No unusual withdrawals had been noticed, senior press spokesman Hans Halbeher said.

A Lugano public prosecutor announced Monday night that preliminary inquiries showed about 1,000 Italian customers at the Credit Suisse Chiasso Branch, near the Italian frontier, had been led to make short-term investments totalling 2.2 billion Swiss francs (over 500 million sterling) in a Liechtenstein holding company. Three Chiasso Branch managers were detained.

Previously Credit Suisse officials had said the bank stood to put an exact figure on the losses, although reassuring customers it would refund them from reserves which considerably exceeded the maximum possible loss.

A Credit Suisse spokesman said the bank was very grateful for the stand-by offer, but did not need to draw on it.

The two commercial banks participating in the stand-by are the Swiss Bank Corporation and the Union Bank of Switzerland. Together with Credit Suisse — Switzerland's oldest major bank, founded in 1856 — they make up the Alpine Republic's "big three" banks.

UAE sees no fast end to OPEC price system

ABU DHABI, April 27 (R). — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Men' Said Al Oteiba said today his country was ready to accept any compromise oil price solution but saw no immediate end to OPEC's two-tier price system.

He said in an interview only four days before a scheduled visit to Abu Dhabi by Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez: "We have no solutions to offer and our position has not changed since the Doha conference. We, however, welcome any compromise solutions."

However, recent reports from Doha said the UAE might play a leading role in sponsoring a compromise solution to the price split.

Asked about reports the UAE was mediating to end the dispute, the minister said co-ordination with Saudi Arabia was continuing.

Efforts to restore price unity by Qatar's Petroleum and Finance Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Khalifeh Al Thani, who is the current chairman of OPEC, have not been successful.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz toured Middle East oil exporting states earlier this year and suggested that the majority of OPEC members abandon their additional five per cent mid-year increase while Saudi Arabia and the UAE raise their prices a further five per cent to bring their prices in line with the other members.

Exploitable oil shale estimated at 245 billion tonnes

UNITED NATIONS, April 27 (R). — A United Nations report said yesterday there are an estimated 245 billion tonnes of oil shale in the world that could be exploited with a 50 per cent recovery rate, but only a technological breakthrough would make it worthwhile.

The report, prepared by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim for the U.N. Committee on Natural Resources, said these were impressive figures compared to the 290 billion tonnes of technically exploitable conventional petroleum resources.

But only innovations substantially reducing production costs would lead to large-scale development, the report said.

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The report said the United States had by far the largest amount of shale oil resources with 2,000 billion barrels. Brazil ranked second with 800 billion barrels and the Soviet Union third with 112.5 billion.

Malta creates para-military labour corps

VALETTA, April 27 (R). — Migrant workers returning to Malta will not be allowed to register as unemployed for the next two years, the government announced Tuesday.

Officials cited the large number of Maltese returning home — mostly from Australia — at a time when work was scarce and when the lease on British NATO bases here would soon run out.

Malta is paid 14 million sterling annually for use of the bases. The government of Premier Dom Mintoff is creating a para-military labour corps to absorb Maltese who will be discharged from the British armed forces.

Maltese living and working abroad have been advised to stay in their host countries and make the best of conditions there.

The government has said the para-military labour corps will be required to work short periods overseas, probably in Libya and other Arab countries.

IMF will give Zaire \$85 million to help with payment difficulties

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AFP). — The International Monetary Fund announced yesterday it would provide nearly 85 million dollars of aid to Zaire to help it through its critical external payments difficulties.

An IMF announcement said it had authorised 28.25 million dollars of special drawing rights (SDRs) for Zaire as a compensatory measure for countries affected by uncontrollable drops in export earnings.

In addition the IMF granted a 45 million SDR (52.2 million dollars) standby credit available for the next 12 months.

Zaire owes 241 million dollars to the IMF while its total foreign debts are said to be around 3,000 million dollars.

Zaire's export earnings have been drastically hit by a fall in world copper prices and the closure of its main export route, the Benguela railway, through Angola.

The alleged uprising by former Katangese guerrillas in the copper-producing Shaba Province had made the prospect of a Zairese recovery recede even further.

The IMF said the standby credit corresponded to Zaire's third and fourth drawing from the fund.

Developing countries generally dislike using the third or fourth drawings because of the severe corrective measures demanded in return by the IMF.

However, foreign banks to which Zaire owes 500 million dollars, agreed at the end of last year to reschedule the country's debts as soon as Kinshasa won an IMF agreement to back its economic recovery programme. An agreement confirmed yesterday by the IMF credits.

Saudi Arabia has no ambition to become industrial in 20 years

BONN, April 27 (R). — Saudi Arabia does not intend to become a Western-style industrialised country in the next 20 years, Industry Minister Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Qussabiy said here yesterday.

Dr. Al Qussabiy told a press conference Saudi Arabia would continue its 142 million dollar five-year development plan despite snags caused by crowded ports, lack of housing and weak infrastructure.

The plan was a flexible document which allowed for changing needs, he said.

The minister has been discussing West German government involvement in the plan with Economics Minister Hans Friedrichs.

He also talked to the Bayer, Veba and Hoechst Chemical concerns about their possible participation in Saudi industrial projects. Veba will send a team there next month.

Dr. Al Qussabiy said: "We have no ambitions to become an industrialised country in the next five, 10 or 20 years. We have no illusions of achieving in a short space of time what took centuries in the West."

Saudi Arabia was not interested in prestige projects at home or industrial projects abroad and would concentrate on internal development, Dr. Al Qussabiy said.

He said he would sign contracts in the next few days with four concerns in the Far East for supplying electric power station equipment. Western tenders were too high, he said.

On oil prices, on which Saudi Arabia has taken a more moderate stand than other producers, Dr. Al Qussabiy said his country based its position on concern for the world economy.

"Any recession would have repercussions for all the members of OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries)", he said.

Britain's jobless increased to 5.9 per cent in April

LONDON, April 27 (AFP). — The number of unemployed in Britain rose by 8,778 to 1,332,250 this month, a rate of 5.9 per cent, official figures showed Tuesday.

On a seasonally corrected basis, the total was 1,322,600, a rise of 1,500 from the March figure, the unemployment ministry said.

It said the April rise was mainly due to the arrival of over 53,500 school leavers on the labour market, while the number of adult jobless was down by 11,455, the third consecutive monthly fall.

Officials saw this as an encouraging sign, along with a second monthly increase in unfilled job vacancies.

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices managed a good advance Wednesday on the New York stock exchange, where the industrial average gained more than eight points in fairly active trading.

Analysts said the technical rally stemmed largely from internal market forces following Wall Street's recent slide.

Gainers led losers at the bell by a very wide margin, as most groups of shares closed on a steady tone with the exception of gold mines, generally lower at the end of the day. Department store, aircraft and Electronic issues were among the strongest groups. Active issues included Westinghouse, up one point at 20-1/2 and General Electric, which rose 3/4 to \$52, while Phillips Petroleum gained 1-5/8 to 55-5/8.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 923.76, a gain of 8.14 points; Transp at 233.25, a gain of 2.48; utilities at 107.87; a gain of 0.76. 20,590,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,510,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market firmed with sentiment helped by news that North Sea oil production is building up more quickly than expected, dealers said. The ending of the British Airways maintenance engineers' strike also contributed to the gain. At 15:00, the F.T. index was up 5.1 at 426.1.

Government bonds firmed and longer loans added up to one half point, but shorts were the active sector where switching into near term loans was reported. Net gains ranged between 1/8 and 1/4.

Equities firmed under oils where Shell gained 14p on renewed demand. Gold shares and Americans also firmed, while Canadians were mixed.

Ultramar was 15p up while Thomson Organisation was 20p higher reflecting its North Sea oil interests. Hawker renewed demand and rose 22p in a thin market.

Tarmac was 5p firmer after results, but Spillers added only a fraction despite profits above market expectations. Marks and Spencer rose a penny and Vickers 5p ahead of results due tomorrow.

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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Early part of the day is marked with indecision but later you will know what to do. Seek the company of charming persons.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A new project needs more study before putting it in operation. Make the evening a charming one from a social standpoint.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure not to irk an important ally at this time. Go to the right sources for the information you need.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Cut down on unnecessary expenses and make plans to save more money. Consult a monetary expert for advice you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Handle personal affairs wisely and then later you can enjoy the social. Avoid the expenditure of too much money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Listen to wise persons and follow their advice for your betterment in the future. Express happiness with mate tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Handle important money matters early in the day. Don't waste time with one who is jealous of you. Be happy.

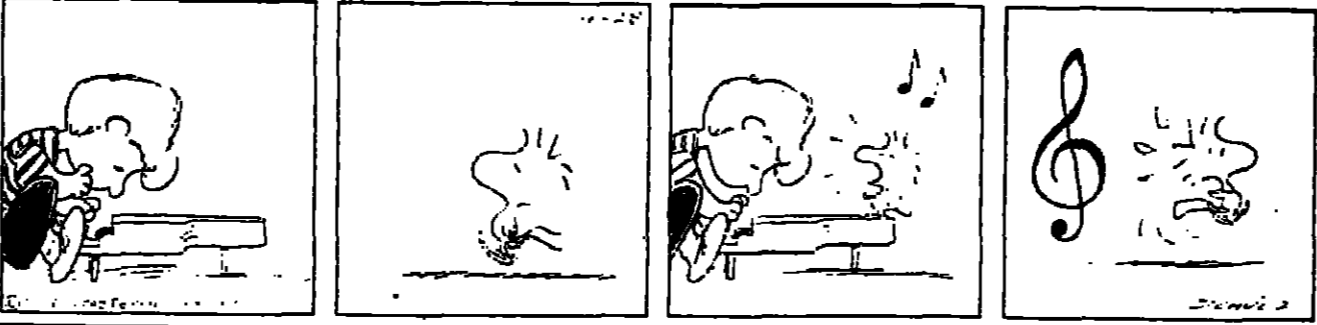
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study new interests that could bring greater abundance in the future. Avoid a well-known troublemaker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Your mate may appear belligerent early in the day, but be patient. Evening will bring more harmony.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Listening carefully to what associates desire of you is wise at this time. Come to better understanding with loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) An outside affair can be handled wisely at this time. Think carefully where some decision of a public nature is concerned.

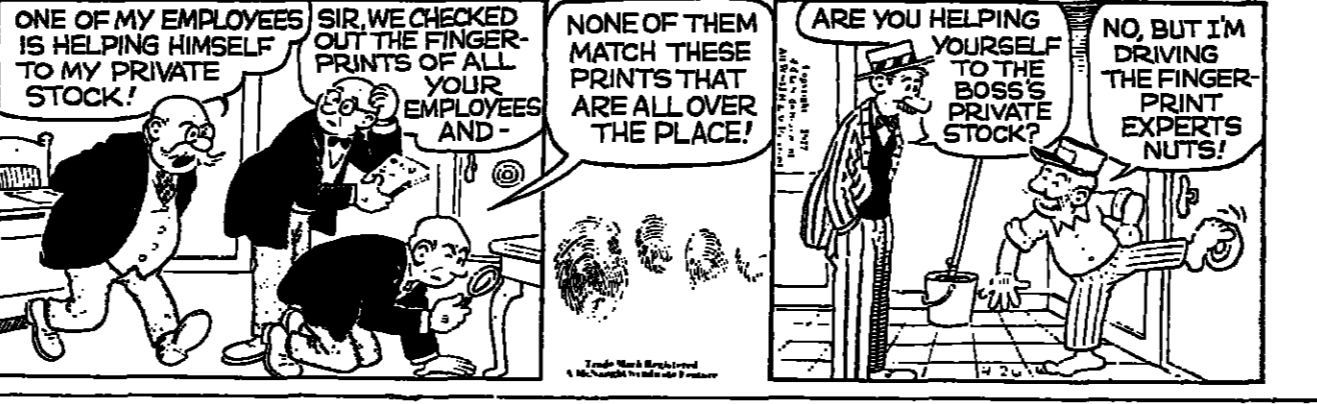
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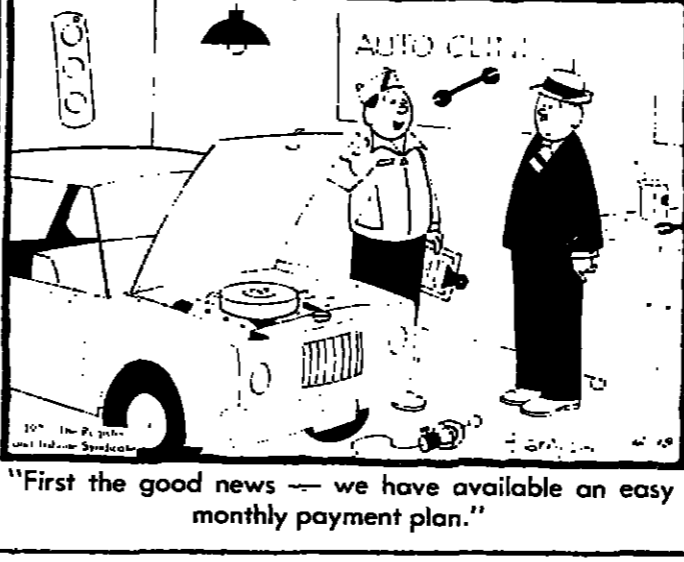
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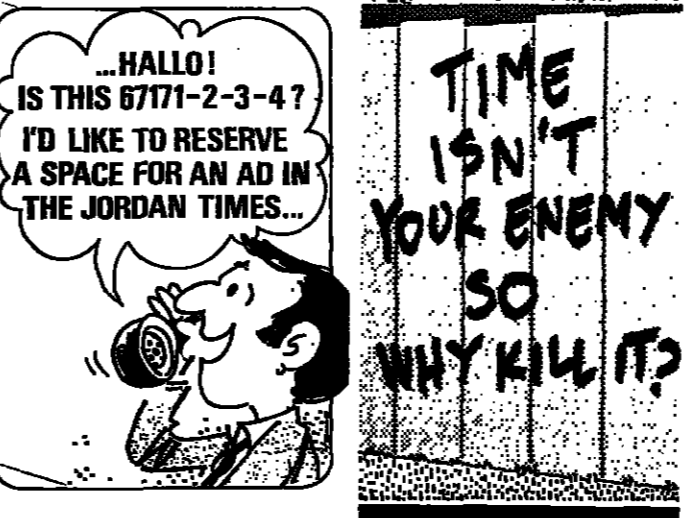
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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 765
♥ 42
♦ J3
♣ KQJ974

WEST
♠ KJ2
♥ QJ109
♦ 62
♣ 10865

EAST
♠ 1098
♥ 753
♦ KQ9875
♣ A

SOUTH
♠ AQ43
♥ AK86
♦ A104
♣ 32

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 NT Pass Pass
Opening lead: Queen of ♣.

"Gentlemen of the Jury: The case against South is simple. You are only asked to consider one question—did South unlawfully peek at his opponents' cards? If so, you would be correct in assessing a penalty against him.

"The evidence is straightforward. There is no disagreement about the bidding. North tried to convey that he had a weak hand, suitable for play only in clubs, by bidding and rebidding his long suit. Nevertheless, South persisted to three no trump.

"Against this contract West led the top of his heart sequence. Declarer won and led a club to the king and ace. East returned a heart, declarer again winning.

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"Not guilty, with special commendation to South for his astute reading of the cards. In these days when every defender is familiar with the elements of hold-up play, there can only be one reason why East, looking at an entryless dummy, would win the ace of clubs on the first round of the suit, thereby setting up the rest of the cards on the table—that is, because he held a singleton ace! Therefore, the second-round finesse of the nine is an automatic play for any declarer worth his salt."

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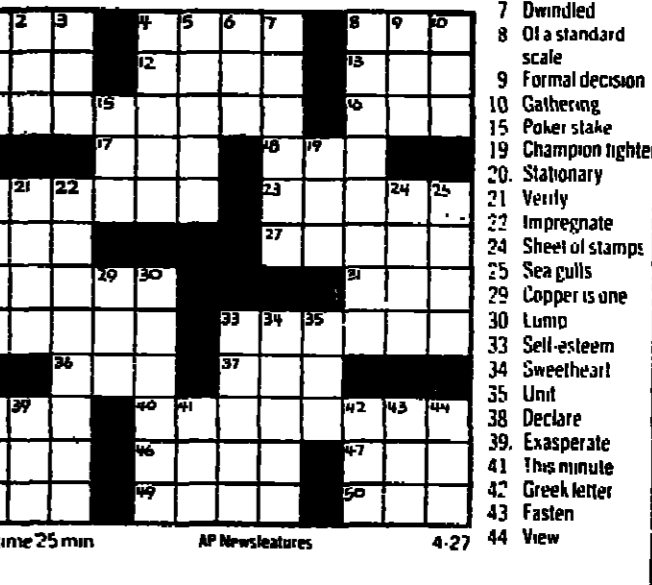
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Chalice
4. Study
8. Dress stonework
11. Distracted
12. Ready to eat
13. Reserve
14. Proposition
16. Satisfied hunger
17. Anybody
18. Do fancy work
20. Secure
23. Abscond
26. Tapaz hummingbird

DOWN
27. Persian coin
28. Writer and painter
31. Hostelry
32. Seaport in Nova Scotia
33. Sites
36. Radical
37. Rocket fuel
38. Way
40. Cosmos
45. Food bit
46. Ore vein
47. Used in express surprise

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1. Blot
2. Busy activity
3. Ugly old woman
4. Projected vertically
5. DOWN
6. Wallaba
7. Dwindled
8. Of a standard scale
9. Formal decision
10. Gathering
11. Poker stake
12. Champion fighter
13. Stationary
14. Verily
15. Impregnate
16. Sheet of stamps
17. Sea gulls
18. Copper is one
19. Lump
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Gromyko ends India visit

NEW DELHI, April 27 (AFP). — India and the Soviet Union are to continue to work in the spirit of the 1971 treaty drawn up between the two countries, it was announced today.

The undertaking was enshrined in a joint communique issued at the close of a three-day official visit to India by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. During talks here, the two countries noted with satisfaction that their positions were identical or close on many major issues, the communique said.

Mr. Gromyko had held talks with Prime Minister Morarji Desai and Foreign Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The talks centred mainly on Indo-Soviet relations in the wake of the recent change of government here.

But three economic agreements were also signed -- for 250 million roubles (\$333 million) -- covering industrial credit for India, a supplementary bilateral trade plan for the Cuzcoz and for establishing communications by radio beams scattered by the troposphere (an upper layer of the atmosphere).

Indian officials said the credit in rouble was offered on "softer terms than all previous credit" from the Soviet Union.

The supplemental trade plan would boost the value of commerce between the two countries annually from \$833 million to about \$1,000 million.

Foreign Minister Vajpayee said both sides wanted to further strengthen their friendly relations. They agreed that any misunderstandings could best be sorted out through direct discussions, he told newsmen.

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Struggle continues to cap well on Bravo rig

STAVANGER, Norway, April 27 (Agencies) — Seven men were today racing to cap an oil well on Bravo rig in the North Sea as a dangerous gas deposit built up around the platform from which 5,000 tons of crude oil were gushing into the sea daily.

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Lawyers for Baader-Meinhof group deliver final pleas out of court

STUTTGART, West Germany, April 27 (R). — Defence lawyers of the three urban guerrillas of the Baader-Meinhof group deliver their final pleas to journalists in an hotel here today, having refused to appear in the specially-built bomb-proof courtroom.

Verdicts and sentences in the mammoth trial lasting nearly two years are expected tomorrow with the prosecution demanding triple life terms for the three surviving defendants.

-- Mr. Andreas Baader, 33, Mr. Gudrun Ensslin, 36 and Mr. Jan Carl Raspe. Justice authorities have warned that the three accused, on hunger strike for four weeks, could die if they are not forcibly fed.

Two others have died since the trial began in May 1975. Miss Ulrike Meinhof, joint organizer of the "Red Army Faction" (RAF) guerrillas with Mr. Baader, was found hanged in her cell last May. Mr. Holger Meins, charged as a ringleader of an underground criminal organisation, died in November 1974 after a 135-day hunger strike.

The accused are charged with killing four people and wounding 54 in six bank robberies and six explosions between May and June, 1972, in which 435,000 marks (over £100,000) was stolen.

The accused have refused to make any formal plea or statement except to accept "political responsibility" for some bombings. Three exploded in U.S. army headquarters, killing four American soldiers. Others were directed at police stations and the Conservative Springer press.

According to the prosecution, the defendants have continued from their prison cells with the aid of their lawyers. Police are still searching for 30 guerrillas pledged to wage war on existing society.

The court has heard evidence from several hundred people but no eye-witnesses have been produced. Mr. Dierk Hoff, a confessed bomb builder, and Mr. Gerhard Mueller, former electrician to the group, turned state's evidence and testified against the accused.

The prosecution described the defendants as "dream world revolutionaries". The defence claimed they were making war on capitalism and should be treated as prisoners of war not criminals.

Twenty-five people have died at the hands of West German guerrillas, including two diplomats, four policemen and 10 of the attackers.

The closing stages of the trial

were overshadowed by the revenge killing of Public Prosecutor Siegfried Buback, the man chiefly responsible for bringing the Baader-Meinhof anarchists to trial. He was shot with his chauffeur and a companion by two gunmen on a motorcycle while in his car near the High Court in Karlsruhe on April 7.

The bizarre trial has been marked by legal disputes, walk-outs and scuffles. The defendants have shouted "big" and "Nazi" at the five judges. Their cells and lawyers' offices have been bugged.

Meanwhile, a delegation of 10 parents and relatives demanded that all urban guerrillas held in West German jails be treated as prisoners of war at a five-minute demonstration in the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva today.

Headed by Pastor Helmut Ensslin, father of Miss Gudrun, who is accused in the Baader-Meinhof trial, they unfurled a banner in a main entrance hall of Geneva's Palais des Nations calling for the Geneva Red Cross conventions to be applied to all political detainees.

U.N. security guards ordered them to take down the banner, but allowed them to wait in the building while they sought an interview with officials at the U.N. Human Rights Commission Secretariat.

Another member of the group was the mother of Miss Brigitte Schulz, held in Israel and reported to have been picked up by Israeli forces in a raid on Entebbe Airport to release passengers aboard a hijacked airliner.

The group said they wanted an International Red Cross conference here updating conventions governing the rules of war to extend the convention of human rights for war prisoners to "international fighters struggling against imperialistic oppression, exploitation and the terror imposed on persons with certain convictions."

A commission of the conference last week approved a new article to the conventions granting guerrillas throughout the world "all the rights of prisoners of war."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

- * SAN SALVADOR, April 27 (R). — A guerrilla deadline for the execution of El Salvador's foreign minister passed today with no word from his kidnappers. Troops were patrolling the streets in some districts of the capital and manning roadblocks. The Red Cross was also placed on full alert. But no contact with the guerrillas was reported at military headquarters.
- * TEL AVIV, April 27 (AFP). — Israeli former Foreign Minister Abba Eban did have official permission to keep bank accounts abroad, a Treasury spokesman announced yesterday. But an investigation would continue, to see whether the bank accounts, in the United States, were operated according to the Israeli law, he added.
- * MOSCOW, April 27 (R). — The Soviet Union and the United States will resume talks on limiting strategic arms on May 11 in Geneva, it was officially announced here yesterday. Tass news agency said that the U.S. and Soviet delegations would continue discussions on the text of an arms agreement which "remained unagreed upon in the course of the preceding talks." The two countries would also continue "an exchange of views at other levels," Tass said.
- * CANBERRA, April 27 (R). — Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser told parliament today his government would investigate allegations that the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had been involved in undercover activities in Australia. He made the announcement after reports of allegations at the spy trial of a university student in Los Angeles were splashed across the front pages of Australian newspapers.
- * STRASBOURG, April 27 (R). — Turkey expects a solution to the Cyprus problem "before too long", Turkish Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil said here yesterday. Mr. Caglayangil, who is to meet Greek Foreign Minister Dimitrios Mitrakis here later this week, told the parliamentary assembly of the 18-nation Council of Europe the problem of the divided island was the only black spot in his country's foreign relations.
- * PARIS, April 27 (R). — Vietnam's Prime Minister Phan Van Dong said his visit here has exceeded his wildest expectations. Following talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing yesterday he told reporters: "Things are going in a very satisfactory manner, this is a very good thing for us, for you and maybe for others. My dream has come true." The 71-year-old leader, on the third and final day of his first visit to the West since the end of Vietnam war in 1975, met Prime Minister Raymond Barre today.
- * HONG KONG, April 27 (AFP). — More than six million bombs and mines have been removed in South Vietnam since the end of the war there two years ago, the Vietnamese News Agency reported today. The agency said these explosives were left by the wartime American and South Vietnamese army and that their removal led to the restoration to cultivation of almost 33,000 hectares of land.

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Philippines peace talks adjourned till Friday

MANILA, April 27 (R). — Talks between the government, Islamic Conference representatives and Filipino Muslim rebels aimed at solving the Philippines five-year Moslem rebellion were adjourned today until Friday, informed sources said.

The discussions which have been going on for six days, were understood to have run into difficulties.

The sources said Philippine Defence Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile had a two-hour discussion today with Libyan Foreign Minister Abdul Salam Al Tureiki. No details were disclosed.

The sources have said Mr. Al Tureiki and Islamic Conference Secretary General Amdou Karim Gaye of Senegal stressed previously that their role was solely one of mediation though Libya has been a staunch supporter of the rebel Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Vorster meets U.N. envoys on Namibia

CAPE TOWN, April 27 (Agencies). — Prime Minister John Vorster met special envoys from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Canada here today at the start of three days of talks on future South African policy in Namibia.

The five Western members of the U.N. Security Council are asking that South Africa withdraw from the territory in accordance with U.N. demands and in consultation with the main nationalist group, SWAPO (the South West African People's Organisation), sources said.

South Africa is also being asked to organise elections to be supervised by the U.N.

Mr. Vorster met the envoy for ten minutes today before handing the talks over to Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

In separate developments, South African police fired in the air today to disperse thousands of Africans marching through Johannesburg's Soweto black township in protest at an 80 per cent increase in their rents.

Earlier, about 2,000 student demonstrators dispersed quietly when halted by police and some of their leaders said their protest was peaceful.

But the mood turned ugly later as cars were stoned and a beer hall burned. Apart from one policeman slightly hurt by a flying stone however, no casualties were reported.

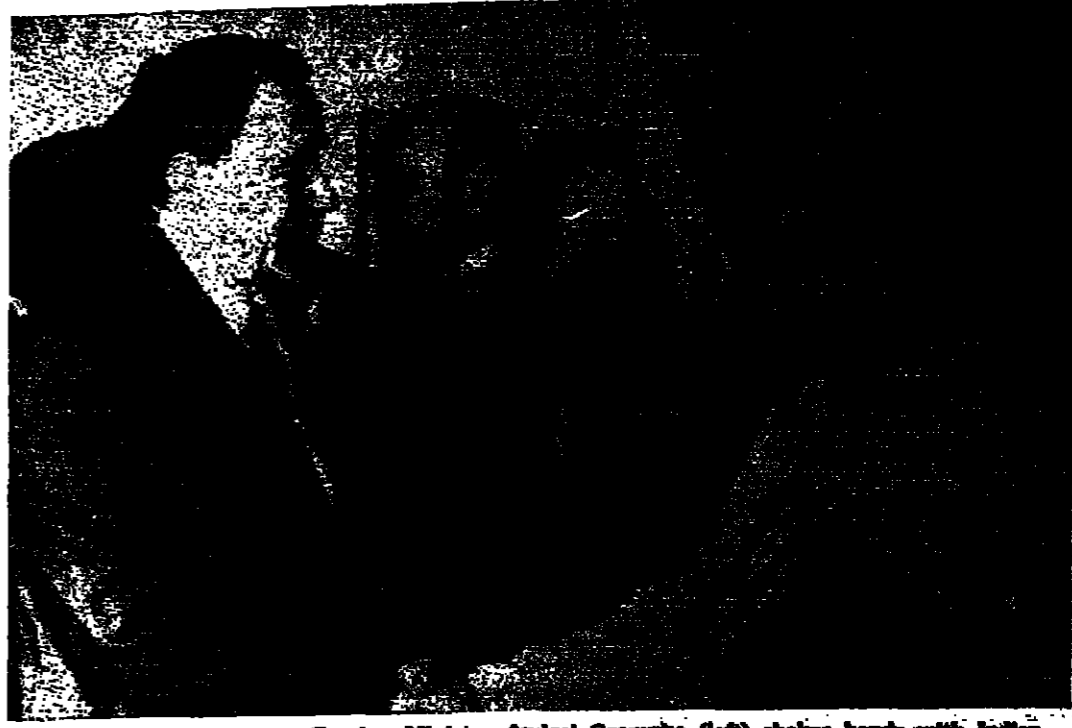
Two student leaders were arrested by police patrolling an area near Morris Isaacson High School, the focal point of last year's race violence in the huge township when more than 500 people died.

Today's incidents break a six-month lull in violence in the townships which erupted on June 16 and spread from Soweto, home of one million Africans, to other townships, first Alexandra, another Johannesburg satellite, and then to those around Pretoria, Cape Town and Fort Elizabeth.

Today's demonstrators carried placards saying "Away with high rents", "We shall not pay", and "Away with capitalism".

The rent increase announced by South Africa's Bantu (Black Affairs Ministry) last week drew protests from black newspapers such as the World which commented that although it was a rise of only 7 per cent, in the low rents people paid in Soweto, many could not afford it.

In another development, Amnesty International yesterday urged the South African government to allow foreign journalists to inspect conditions of imprisonment for political detainees at John Vorster Square Police Station in Johannesburg and other detention centres. Amnesty International's appeal followed the South African government's decision to allow journalists to visit Robben Is-



TALES' END -- Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (left) shakes hands with Indian Foreign Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in New Delhi, Wednesday, at the end of Mr. Gromyko's three-day visit to India. (AP wirephoto)

Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Paul to discuss Christian unity in Vatican

ROME, April 27 (R). — The head of the Anglican Church, Dr. Donald Coggan, arrives here today for talks with Pope Paul aimed at stimulating fresh attempts at Anglican-Catholic unity.

In his first meeting with the 79-year-old Pontiff, the archbishop will hold talks in the Vatican tomorrow.

On Friday the two church leaders will pray together at a symbolic ceremony in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

Officials from both churches hoped their meeting would give fresh impetus to closer practical cooperation.

Efforts to unite the world's 600 million Roman Catholics and the 65 million Anglicans after 400 years of friction began in 1966, when Pope Paul and Dr. Michael Ramsey, Dr. Coggan's predecessor, exchanged a "kiss of peace" at the first summit of the two churches.

The Pope and the archbishop are expected to issue a joint call for unity, Vatican sources said.

They said the declaration could focus on three reports by an Anglican-Roman Catholic commission seeking to shelve old disputes, including the Pope's authority.

These reports are still treated as study documents by both churches.

Vatican as well as Anglican Church sources here were sceptical that the two church leaders would be able to achieve any dramatic changes this time.

However, they were confident that the meeting might help to create new and closer forms of practical cooperation, such as sharing churches and resources, and in joint peace efforts.

Such cooperation was exemplified by the recent joint condemnation by Protestant

and Catholic archbishops of violence in Northern Ireland.

In a letter to the world's bishops on behalf of Pope Paul, Cardinal Jan Willebrands, head of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, said the orthodox churches desired to see all Christians celebrate Easter together, but there were serious pastoral difficulties on the local level.

The plan for all Christendom to celebrate Easter on the second Sunday in April was to have begun next year, but the Pope has decided the time is not ripe.

Dr. Coggan, who has been Archbishop of Canterbury since December, 1974, will be meeting Pope Paul on Thursday for the first time.

He will afterwards fly to Istanbul for talks with Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios, head of the Greek Orthodox Church.

land Prison, where most of the country's political prisoners are held.

In a cable to South African Justice Minister James Kruger, the international human rights organisation said that the conditions under which the journalists were allowed to visit Robben Island made it impossible for them to obtain a clear understanding of prisoners' grievances. They were not allowed to talk with prisoners of their own choice and had to submit their reports to the Department of Justice on so-called "security grounds".

Amnesty International said that although prison conditions on Robben Island were harsh, it was unchanged political detainees who were particularly at risk in South Africa. Such detainees were held incommunicado at John Vorster Square Police Station in Johannesburg and other detention centres. They were frequently subjected to torture during interrogation by security police and were not allowed visits from the International Red Cross delegates, who were allowed into Robben Island once a year, the organisation said.

Since March 1976, at least 14 political detainees had died while in security police custody in South Africa, it said.

British citizens to be classed in 2 categories, official paper proposes

LONDON, April 27 (R). — The British government today proposed the creation of two categories of British citizenship to define those who have the right of entry into Britain and those who do not.

A discussion document published by the Home Office (Interior Ministry) suggests replacing the present citizenship of the United Kingdom and colonies with two categories, British Citizenship and British Overseas Citizenship.

British citizens would be those who have the right of entry into Britain, either by descent or because they were born, naturalised or registered here, or because they settled here for a specified time. The intention would be that only these citizens would have an unqualified right of free entry into the United Kingdom.

British Overseas Citizenship would not carry with it the right of entry into Britain. It would be conferred on those who themselves, or whose fathers, were born naturalised or registered in an existing dependency.

The paper says the proposal is intended to put right a defect in Britain's nationality laws. The present citizenship of the United Kingdom and colonies does not identify those who belong to Britain and have the right of entry here. Because of this, it prevents the government having its immigration policies on citizenship.

The Labour government set up a group to examine possible changes in nationality law three years ago and today's paper is the result of this work.

The government will hear views from parliament and outside bodies before putting forward legislation.



EYE TO THE SKY -- Moroccan troops keep a wary eye on the sky, while waiting on a dirt road near the Lubudi River in Zaïre's Shaba Province Sunday. The troops were moving towards the town of Mutshatsha -- some 20 kms. away -- which they captured from Katanga rebels later. (AP wirephoto)

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THE ROYAL RACING CLUB HAS THE PLEASURE

To announce that work and repairs at the club have been completed.

The club will resume its programme for 1977 as of May 1.

You are welcome to spend a pleasant time watching our horse races at 3 p.m. every Sunday. A large number of thoroughbred Arab horses will run in the races this year.

Entry fee: 150 fils. Excellent service.

Special places reserved for families.